

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 105.4, the Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board hereby adopts new Chapter 30, "Continuing Education for Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Professionals," Iowa Administrative Code.

These rules describe the continuing education requirements for licensees covered under Iowa Code chapter 105. These rules also describe the standards governing the criteria for continuing education activities; the procedures for auditing licensees' continuing education reports; the grounds for exempting continuing education requirements; and the grounds for extending the time in which a licensee may fulfill the continuing education requirements.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 4, 2009, as **ARC 8268B**. Four comments were received on these rules. One comment recommended that contractors be exempt from continuing education requirements; Chapter 30 already exempts contractors from those requirements. The second comment asked that the Board relax the rules for the first renewal cycle since courses were not available in March when licensing began. The Board did not support the concept of relaxing the rules based on the limited number of hours of required continuing education (minimum of 8 hours and a maximum of 16 hours for multiple license holders). The third comment supported continuing education for specialty licenses. The Board did not support any changes addressing the specialty licenses since many of the specialty licenses are based on certification programs that already contain a continuing education requirement. The fourth comment asked that North American Technician Excellence (NATE) courses be fast-tracked in the approval process. The Board did not support making this change; all courses will be reviewed and evaluated using the same criteria.

In addition to the Notice of Intended Action, these rules were simultaneously Adopted and Filed Emergency and published as **ARC 8270B**. These rules are identical to the rules published under Notice of Intended Action and Adopted and Filed Emergency.

The Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board adopted these rules on December 15, 2009.

These rules will become effective on February 17, 2010, at which time the Adopted and Filed Emergency rules are hereby rescinded.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 105 and 272C.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these rules [Ch 30] is being omitted. These rules are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 8268B** and Adopted and Filed Emergency as **ARC 8270B**, IAB 11/4/09.

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